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SUBJ: WFP PROJECTS 591 AND 2003-KOREA

REF: ROME A-UNN AIDAC 9/10/73

1. PROJECT #2003 - RURAL WATER SUPPLY SYSTEMS. EARLIER
USAID COMMENTS RE THIS PROJECT STILL CONSIDERED VALID.

2. PROJECT #591-WE HAVE CHECKED WITH THE MINISTRY OF
CONSTRUCTION (MOC), ROKG AGENCY RESPONSIBLE FOR IMPLE-
MENTING THIS PROJECT, AND WERE ADVISED THAT DUE TO THE
AUGUST 1972 FLOODS AND LATE STARTS AT SOME PROJECT SITES,
WORK IS SOMEWHAT BEHIND SCHEDULE. HOWEVER, MOC STATES THAT
TOTAL PROJECT CAN BE COMPLETED WITHIN SCHEDULED 48 MONTHS.
AS OF 6/30/73 APPROXIMATELY MIDWAY THROUGH THIS PROJECT FOLLOWING
PROGRESS HAD BEEN MADE:

(A) LEVEES: 55 KM COMPLETED OF 158 KM TARGET (35PCT);

(B) REVETMENTS: 33KM COMPLETED OF 90 KM TARGET (37PCT);

(C) SLUICE GATES: 106 TARGET, 53 COMPLETED (50PCT);

(D) TITLE II COMMODITIES: APPROXIMATE 22,300MT SHIPPED AND
21,949 RECEIVED IN KOREA, OF WHICH 11,350 MT DISTRIBUTED AS
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OF 6/30/73.

(E) COMMODITIES WERE USED TO PAY FOR 4,732,823 MAN DAYS UNSKILLED LABOR, OR ABOUT 45PCT OF TOTAL ALTHOUGH WORKS PROGRESS IS ONLY ABOUT 35PCT COMPLETED.

(F) ROKG 1974 BUDGET RECENTLY PRESENTED TO ROK NATIONAL ASSEMBLY AND IS NOW UNDER REVIEW. BUDGET INCLUDES 540 MILLION WON (ABOUT \$1.35 MILLION) FOR THIS PROJECT IN ADDITION TO 260 MILLION WON (ABOUT \$650,000) FOR WFP PROJECT #2027 (ALSO LEVEE CONSTRUCTION) AND THREE BILLION WON (\$7.5 MILLION) FOR ROKG RIVERBANK BUILDING AND REHABILITATION. HOWEVER TOTAL ROKG SUPPORT FOR THIS PROJECT WILL NOT BE KNOWN UNTIL BUDGET REVIEW COMPLETED DECEMBER 1, 1973 AND FINAL BUDGET ADOPTED.

3. USAID COMMENT: FLOOD CONTROL BY MEANS OF LEVEE CONSTRUCTION IS MAJOR GOAL OF ROKG. KOREA HAS ABOUT 30,000 KM OF RIVERBANKS OF WHICH ABOUT 20,600 KM REQUIRE BUILDING AND/OR REHABILITATION OF LEVEES. ABOUT 10,000 KM ARE CONSIDERED URGENT AND, ACCORDING ROKG PLANS, ABOUT 8,000 KM WILL BE CONSTRUCTED BY 1981. AS OF END CY 1972 APPROXIMATELY 5,300 KM HAS BEEN COMPLETED AND HENCE ROKG HOPES TO COMPLETE AN ADDITIONAL 2,700 KM DURING COMING 7-8 YEARS. WHEN BOTH WFP PROJECTS 591 AND WPWU ARE COMPLETED ROKG WILL STILL REQUIRE BUILDING ABOUT 2,300 KM LEVEES IN ORDER TO ACHIEVE 1981 GOAL. FINANCIAL INPUTS FOR REMAINING 2,300 KM ARE ABOUT 80 BILLION WON (ABOUT \$200 MILLION), OF WHICH ABOUT 44 BILLION (\$110 MILLION) IS TO BE RAISED FROM DOMESTIC SOURCES AND THE REMAINDER FROM FOREIGN SOURCES. WE UNDERSTAND THAT THE ROKG IS CONSIDERING APPLYING TO IBRD AND OTHER IFI FOR THESE LATTER COSTS.
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